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In re Patent Application of:  
Ken Umeno

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For: Transmitter Apparatus, Receiver Apparatus,  
Transmission Method, Reception Method and  
Program

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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated September 16, 2008, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.

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